

Realize Who You Are!

Galatians 4:4-7, "...And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

Listen what God's Prophet Bro. Branham said about it:

I've often said I meet two classes of people in my times around the world in mission work. I meet two classes of people. One of them is Pentecostal, the other one's fundamental.

The fundamental positionally knows where he stands. He takes it by the Word. "I am a son of God by my confession." See? **He positionally takes that stand, know their place, but he's got no faith or much faith, in what he's talking about. The Pentecostal has a lot of faith, but doesn't know where he stands. He doesn't know who he is - or who they are.**

It's just like a man's got money in the bank, and he doesn't know how to write a check. And the other one can write a check, and ain't got no money in the bank. [1]

If you can ever get them together, you'll have it. **If they'd only realize who you are. You're sons and daughters of God, not you will be, heirs of the Kingdom. Right now we are kings (Revelation 1:5b-6). Claim your legal rights. Don't let Satan press anything on you. You're of God (I John 4:4).** And he has got no rights to hold it.

Everybody is always looking at their symptoms. The pastor will pray for them; they go over and say, "Well, I don't seem to be any better." Well, that's not healing. **Symptoms is the worst thing that's...** That's one of the **greatest scarecrows** the devil's got. Symptoms don't have nothing to do with it, it's because God said so.

My, if there's anybody ever had a case of symptoms, it was Jonah. He ought to had symptoms, backslid, hands tied behind him, in the belly of a whale, about a mile deep in the ocean, a stormy sea, sea weeds wrapped around his neck. Talk about symptoms, he looked this way, it was whales belly. He looked that way it was whale's belly. Everywhere he looked was whale's belly. But he said, "They're lying vanities." (*Jonah 2:9; I Kings 9:1-3*). Right. "He said, "I won't look at these whales belly any more, **but once more will I look to Your holy temple, Lord.**" **Depends on what you're looking at. If you're looking at your symptoms they'll be there. If you look to God's Word, symptoms will have to vanish.**

Why did Jonah do that? Is because that he knowed that when Solomon dedicated that temple, he said, "Lord, if Thy children be in trouble any place, and will looks towards this holy place and pray, then You hear from heaven." (*II Chron. 7:11-17*). [2]

Listen. You are the covenant people of God (*Heb. 9:11-22*). God tore Christ apart at Calvary, making the covenant, swearing by Himself. And He took the body up into heaven, which will return someday. **But the Spirit He gave back to lead the Church (Acts 2:1-4; 5:31). The same Life that was in Christ Jesus is in**

the Church tonight by the Holy Ghost, doing and acting and performing the same things He did when He was here on earth. You've received it. **You've got the covenant**. It's written to you, swore by God. You can't fail. **That makes the devil mad, sure does, when you realize who you are.**

What I'm trying to do is get to the people **to let them realize who they are**. See? **If you only knew who you was tonight**, there'd come such a **spontaneous whirl of faith** through here till there wouldn't be a sick person. There'd be no need of having a prayer line if the people **that's here realize who they are**. That's the only way you can do it.

How do you think it is in foreign nations, walking against demons and powers and everything? **You have to know where you're standing**. Satan doesn't care how loud you holler. Satan doesn't care how much you jump up-and-down. Satan will lay right there. **But he has to recognize faith. It'll move him every time**. So that's where it is today. **The Church has got the blessing (Eph. 1:3), but they don't know it.** [3]

Question: Can every son of God be so anointed till he can do miracles, signs, wonders, or is this at the directions of the Holy Ghost?

Yes, it is at the directions of the Holy Ghost. If you are a son of God, or a daughter of God, whatever you are, when you have received the Holy Spirit, then the Holy Spirit directs you to do things. [4]

And that's what's the matter with the Pentecostal Church tonight, the full Gospel people, **they just don't realize who they are. You don't realize the power** that's right in this building tonight, **but it's harnessed down by unbelief (I Cor. 4:20)**. That's the only thing. **If God could ever get an avenue to work through you**, it would be marvelous what He could do, but it's harnessed. You won't let it loose; you keep it with unbelief. [5]

But the thing of it is, **they forget who they are**. They think, "Well, I don't know." Oh, brother, **you that's born-again are sons and daughters of God (I John 4:4), coequal with Jesus Christ, in His Presence. Oh, my. That's what makes the devil angry: Is let the Church of God realize who they are, and the rights that you have, the God-given privileges.**

Satan doesn't have one right of nothing. **He's only a bluff. He was stripped of everything he had at Calvary, when Jesus Christ took the sinner's place and died at Calvary (Col. 2:13-15). Satan has no legal rights over nothing no more.** Hallelujah. But everything lays in the hands of the Church and the believer. That's it. **Satan's lost. He's nothing but a bluff.**

Even death itself... The bee when it loses its stinger, it's still a bee, but it ain't got not sting. **And death has no sting to the believer, his stinger is gone (I Cor. 15:51-57; Heb. 2:9)**. Death's singing around, say, "Well, this is the end of the road." I can point to Calvary and show a resurrection. Hallelujah. [6]

And we reckon ourselves dead (*Romans 6:11*). We're buried with Him in baptism unto His death, and we raised with Him in the resurrection (*Romans 6:3-4*). **And now we are in already**, not we're going to; we're already raised. Oh, my. We are now, not will be; **we are now, tonight, setting in heavenly places.** How? **In Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:4-7)**. Not we will be some other time; we are now. **The**

church doesn't realize who they are. See? We are now, right this minute. How? **In Christ Jesus, assembled together in Him, already raised from the dead. Our souls are immortal.** [7]

Heavenly places. Oh, how I wish I had time. Here I've got it marked right here in my Bible about heavenly places. What is heavenly places? **Heavenly places is the believer's position in Christ, where the believer stands in Christ, in heavenly places.** [8]

We are now in heavenly places. **We are now in the power of the resurrection.**

If there wasn't a law to that, sons and daughters of God would create them a world out here and go live a private life on it. **You have the power in you to do it (II Peter 1:3-11). If you've got a shadow of the power of God in you, you got power to do it.** God is omnipotent. See what I mean? The power that's in you will make... **You could speak a world into existence and go live on it.** Hallelujah. **There you are.**

That's what power is in the Church now (Eph. 3:20-21), but it is controlled by a law. And that law is not keeping a bunch of commandments. **It's a law of faith.** Jesus said, "All things are possible to them that believe." (*Mark 11:23-24*). **And if you can believe it, whatever God will lead your soul to believe, that is yours. Every place the soles of your foot can set upon by faith, God gives it to you (Joshua 1:3-9). Amen.** It's yours; you possess it, **if you can find the key to this law of faith that opens it to you.** You see what I mean? That power is controlled by... **If you are a son of God, you are a daughter of God, that never leaves you. It's with you all the time. But your faith gets away from It, but It's still there.** Hallelujah.

When you are saved, God gives you faith to rise from the muck of the earth. Your faith overcomes the things of the world (*I John 5:4*). **What is your faith? Your faith is that act that God has did in you to make you a son of God.** You quit your lying, you quit your stealing, you quit your drinking, because your faith rises you up above it. Amen. **If you don't do it, you don't have any faith. "And by faith are you saved, and that through grace"** (*Eph. 2:8-9*). [9]

And that same power, that same Christ... Hallelujah. Let the fundamentalists, let them people who deny the power of God say it's wrong; **but that same power that spoke the world into existence is in those people that's got the Holy Ghost (Gen. 1:3).** That's right. **Men and women, it's time that we found out who you are.** The devil's trying to hide you back, tell you that you're some little trod-down something. You're not. **You're sons and daughters of God. The Deity is not in heaven; it's in you.** Hallelujah.

Let me tell you something, brother. **When you realize that Almighty God lives in you, it's all right.** "My Life, I give Zoë," **the Life of God is in the human being (John 14:15-20).**

Now, friends, I know this to be the truth. **I know people don't realize who you are? Every person in here can live above sin, can live without sin (I John 5:18-19), live in God; you'll make mistakes, but the Blood of Christ will forgive you (I John 1:9).** "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Is that right? That same power of Christ that was hung on Calvary's cross, the same God that raised Him up on the day of the resurrection, **is in you now, you that's got the Holy Ghost.** Oh, don't you love Him? Oh, my. Hear His voice calling today. [10]

Jesus, He was the Word and **He had faith with His power.** How did He? He said, "I can do nothing in Myself" (*John 5:19*). Why? **He relied upon what He was; He relied in knowing that He was the Word.** And He had faith in God, Who made Him the Word. **He was God, the Word, and it was in Him, and that give Him faith, because He understood His position. He knew what He was, because the Scripture had said He was this** (*Luke 24:25-27*). And here every Scripture tied in to prove that He was exactly what the Scripture said He would be, **and He knew what He was.**

Therefore, He relied upon what God had made Him. And if He did that, **then can't we rely upon what God made us as believers?** "These signs shall follow them that believe" (*Mark 16:17-18*). **He had faith in what He was. And if you are a believer, you have faith in what you are: you are a believer.** And if you've got faith in God, the Bible says over here in I John 3:20-22: "*If our hearts condemn us, then we can't have faith; but if our hearts don't condemn us, then we have faith; we have confidence towards God.*"

But as long as you're doing things that's wrong, you can't have confidence towards God. So you see, you'll automatically know that you're wrong. You automatically will put yourself back there a sinner by knowing that you're wrong. **But when your heart doesn't condemn you, and you know you are a believer, and there's nothing between you and God, you can ask what you will and know that it'll be given,** because it's the Word that's given to you just like it was to those disciples.

Now, the only thing you have to do then, is have faith in what you are. Have faith in what the Word says you are. And Jesus had faith in the Word of God that said what He was, "It is written of Me" (*Luke 24:44-47*). Didn't David in the Psalms, and the prophets, and all of them speak of Him? "I am the Bread of Life that come from God out of heaven" (*John 6:33-35,48-51*). Amen. "I am that Tree of Life from the garden of Eden (*Gen. 2:9*). I am all these things; I AM THAT I AM" (*Exod. 3:13-15*). **And He knew with that, a perfect faith, that He was the anointed Messiah** (*John 4:25-26*), **that the Spirit of God was upon Him.** He said, "Now, I, Myself, do nothing; but it's My faith in God." And God was in Him, the Word made manifest. **And when the Word of God comes in you, It's made manifest, for you are a believer. See? And a believer is the faith of God that moves in you** (*II Cor. 4:13; Gal. 2:19-20; Mark 11:22*). You like that? I like teaching of what faith really is.

Knowing Who He was, without a shadow of doubt He knew He was the Son of God. **He knew it, for the Word identified. The Word of God identified Who He was.** He said, "If I do not the works of My Father, then don't believe Me; but if I don't do them works, don't believe Me" (*John 10:37-38*). But if I do, then believe the works, **for they are the manifested Word promised.**" Oh, if you could just wake up to that a minute. **You see, the Word Itself identified Who He was.** And He said, "Who can condemn Me of sin?" In other words, "Who can show Me that

My life and My works don't fulfill exactly what Messiah should do?" Nobody could say nothing; for He was. **Then He had faith to believe then that whatever He said would happen.** [11]

If you're married to Christ, Christ is the Word of God. In St. John the 1st chapter said, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the same was made flesh and dwelled among us" (*John 1:1,14*). **Christ was the living Word.** He always was the Word; He's still the Word; He always will be the Word. **He was only the manifestation of the attributes of God, for He was the Son of God.** [12]

He was just one Man, the perfect Man. He gave His life, and He made an example for you. Now, what must we do. Now, the first thing I want to say is: **Jesus never lived for Himself. His Life was spent for others. That's perfectly Eternal Life.** When you say you go to church and you do good things, that's fine. **But when you live your life to yourself, you haven't Eternal Life. Eternal life is living for others.**

It proved it when He come in the Lamb of God. He lived and had Eternal Life, because He did not live for Himself. **He lived for others. And you receive Eternal Life by receiving that day (on Calvary), and you don't live for yourself no more. You live for others.**

Someone said, "How can you stand and let anyone call you such bad names?" **You don't live for yourself. You live for others that you might redeem that man. You become sons. And the trouble of it is that the church has forgot they were sons (*Job 38:4-7*). You are sons. You're taking Christ's place. You are sons; so don't live for yourself; live for others.**

"Well, Brother Branham, I can live for this brother because he sure is a nice man." That's not it. **Live for that man who hates you (*Matt. 5:43-38*). Live for that person who'd kill you if they could.** That's what they done to Him. They killed Him, and He died that He might save them. That's Eternal Life. **When that's in your bosom, you're facing heaven then. But you sacrifice your own things, give them up like the sheep gives its wool.** You look on towards Calvary. [13]

When you're born of the Spirit of God, then **you are a son of God, and you always were a son of God, and you always will be a son of God.** There's no way to separate it, because **you have Eternal Life.** And eternal never did begin; neither will it ever end. [14]

There it is. Jesus Christ came forth, died upon the cross, and accomplished Redemption (restoring to original owner by means of purchase, or paying the price) and thereby **placed us as sons. He did not make us sons, for we were already His sons, but He placed us as sons; for as long as we were in the world, in the flesh, we could not be recognized as His sons.** We were held captive by the devil. **But we were sons, nonetheless.** And hear this: "Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts whereby you cry, Father, Father" (*Gal. 4:6-7*). Upon whom did the Spirit fall at Pentecost? Sons. At Corinth? Upon Sons while they heard the Word (*Acts 10:44-46*). [15]

Oh, for the grace of God that He'd give us understanding of such great mysteries. As Paul spoke here further on down in Ephesians, speaking of the

husband and wife, and said, "This is a mystery," **how the women should be in respect to their husband** (*Eph. 5:22-23*). Even the second place, I believe it is, in the entire Bible that reverence was ever spoke to, said, the women seeing she reverence her husband, reverence her husband. **Then a husband ought to live such a life before his wife that his wife could reverence him as a son of God.** And if he doesn't live that kind of life, well then, 'course she wouldn't reverence him, because she knows what he's made of. **But when it is a man that is reverent man, reverent and clean with his wife, and before his family, a real servant of God,** then the women, children, all should respect that servant of God with a reverence. [14]

No matter how little you are, how big you are, how important you are, or how unimportant you are, **you are here to serve a purpose.** My eye and every part of our bodies is to serve a purpose.

And it was not put here just to see what it would look like when it was put here; but it was put here **to serve its purpose.** It was God's Divine plan to do so. **And if we were put here for a purpose** (*Rom. 8:28-29*), **then there is nothing can destroy us until God's purpose is fulfilled. Nothing can harm us until that purpose that God has put us here for has been made manifest** (*Job 23:14*).

No matter how much trouble we have, how much heartaches or sorrows that we go through, all of these are reasons, and there's a reason for it.

We will take, for instance, Noah in the Bible. There was a flood that came on. And all the earth was destroyed. The vegetation and everything was destroyed but Noah and the seed that he had taken into the ark (*Genesis 6+7*).

God's purpose can never be defeated. There is nothing can defeat it. **So how happy ought we to be today, resting upon that beautiful revelation of the Word of the living God, that there is neither things present nor things that can come; there's no sickness, no sorrow, no death, no perils, nor nothing can separate us from the purpose of the living God** (*Rom. 8:38-39*).

What God has imagined in His mind, what God has purposed in His heart to bring to pass, there is no demon, there's no power, **there is nothing can ever separate God's great immortal eternal plan. It must be as God has said** (*Psalms 135:6*). [16]

God has got a purpose of you being here. **If you can only be, get to that place, how much trouble you save God and yourself, too.** [17]

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]